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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 11, 2005 (Paper No. 20050804), Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, claims 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 for continued examination without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.

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